

Belmont Cultural Council
September 22, 2010 minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Present: Sarah Freiberg Ellison (chair), Sara Bruya, Juliet Jenkins, Anne Quirk, Rebecca Richards, Christine Sandvik, Ken Stalberg.

Absent: Anne Levy, Ilyse Robbins Mohr

In her treasurer's report, Juliet Jenkins reported that, due to small accounting confusions arising from the mismatched fiscal years of the town and the state, she doesn't know exactly how much money the BCC has in its account. To clear up the matter, Juliet has arranged a meeting with Frank Martin, the assistant town treasurer, and will report back on their discussions. She is confident, however, that the BCC has some small amount of unencumbered funds that might be used to supplement its 2011 allocation from the state of \$3870.

She further noted that up to 5% of the annual allocation from the state may be used for administrative costs. A motion was made and unanimously carried to so use \$193 from this year's allocation, leaving \$3677 from it for FY2011 grants.

Finally, she reported that the following 2010 grantees have not yet requested their distributions: #6 (Marble literary magazine), #11 (art program at Wellington); #16 (art exhibit); #21 (event at Waldorf School), and #22 (Belmont Watertown Open Studios).

A question from one of Sara Bruya's grantees about how to acquire a mailing list of town residents (from the town itself? from list brokers?) sparked a larger discussion of how and whether the BCC should build its own mailing list or database to publicize itself and its sponsored events. Partnering with Belmont Film Festival or Belmont Art Gallery was discussed but no decision was reached.

Rebecca Richards and Christine Sandvik will bring 2011 BCC grant forms to the Belmont Art Gallery show opening on September 23rd.

A motion was made and unanimously carried to allow the chair to use BCC funds to purchase necessary materials and services for its operations.

After a discussion of the pros and cons of the Pass Grant program, which supports school field trips, a motion was made and unanimously carried to deny all Pass Grant requests for 2011.

Sara Bruya, whose brief move to Watertown last summer was noted with some concern by Belmont's Board of Selectmen, has now returned to Belmont.

Christine Sandvik brought up the Belmont-Watertown Open Studios event and whether the BCC should be more involved in its organizing. No decision was reached.

The next BCC meeting will be Thursday, October 21st.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Anne Quirk